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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES          DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)          CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>09/508878</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE98/02732	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 15 September 1998	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 17 September 1997	
TITLE OF INVENTION PROCEDURE FOR A MOBILE UNIT TO LOG IN WITH A BASE STATION, AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Gustavo Fernandez et al.</b>			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))- drawings attached.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2) - drawings attached.</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>			
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<b>17. ■ The following fees are submitted:</b>  <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5):</b> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$840.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482) . . \$670.00  No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) ..... \$760.00  Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) nor international search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$970.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) ..... \$ 96.00  <div style="text-align: right;"><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b></div>				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY

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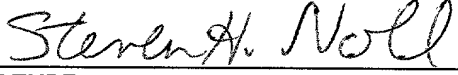
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10 INVENTION: PROCEDURE FOR A MOBILE UNIT TO LOG IN WITH  
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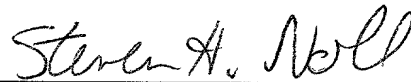
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

15 Dear Sir:

The Applicant respectfully requests approval of changes to Figures 1 and 2, marked in red and included herewith in order to label previously unlabeled blocks in Figure 1 to conform with U.S. Patent practice and to make minor word choice changes in Figure 2.

20 Respectfully submitted,



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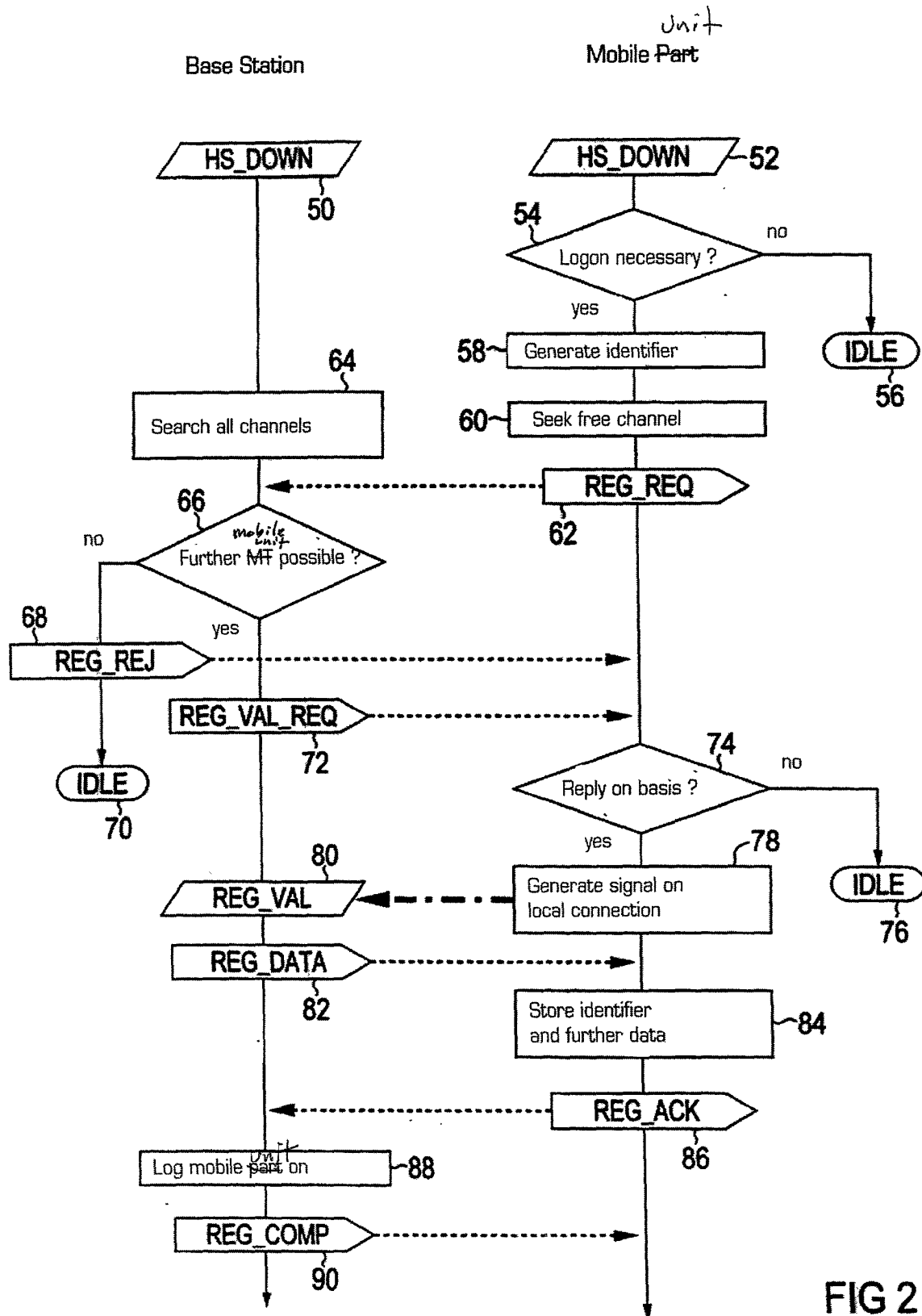
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5 AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION

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15 Sir:

Applicants amend the above-identified PCT application as follows, and  
request entry of the Amendment prior to examination in the United States National  
Examination Phase.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

20 On substitute page 1:

delete lines 1-3 and insert the following:

--METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A MOBILE UNIT TO LOG ON WITH  
A BASE STATION, AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

25 line 4, after "logging" insert --on--; and replace "part on" with --unit--;

line 5, after "a" insert --corresponding--;

line 6, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 7, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 8, replace "to CTO standard" with --according to Cordless

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line 9, replace "part" with --unit--;  
line 10, replace "code coincides" with --codes coincide--;  
line 11, replace "part," with --unit.--; replace "otherwise," with --  
Otherwise,--; and replace "part" (second occurrence) with --unit--;  
5 line 14, replace "part" with --unit--;  
line 16, replace "part" with --unit--; and  
line 17, replace "part" with --unit--; after "is" insert --,--; and after "fact"  
insert --,--.

**On page 2:**

10 line 2, replace "given" with --for--;  
line 3, replace "this, for example, being" with --and, thus, becomes;  
line 4, after "users" insert --, for example--;  
after line 4, as a separate line before line 5, insert the following  
heading: --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;  
15 line 5, replace "said" with --the above-described--;  
line 6, replace "at the same time" with --yet--; and replace "part" with  
"unit";  
replace lines 8-9 with the following: --This and other objects are  
inventively achieved by the present method and apparatus. In particular, the  
20 present method includes logging a mobile unit onto a base station by first  
recognizing a log on situation where at least one of the mobile unit and the base  
station determine that the mobile unit is not logged on to the base station. Next,  
a identifier is generated and transmitted via a radio connection from the mobile  
unit to the base station. Additionally, a request for identification with an  
25 acknowledgment signal is transmitted via the radio connection from the base  
station to the mobile unit. In turn, the acknowledgment signal is transmitted by  
the mobile unit to the base station via a local connection.

Furthermore, the present invention includes a communication system  
having at least one mobile unit and at least one base station including a means



for recognizing a log on situation. The communication system also includes a means for generating an identifier and a first means to transmit the identifier via a radio connection between the mobile unit and the base station. In addition, a second means is configured to transmit a request for identification with an acknowledgment signal via the radio connection between the base station and the mobile unit. A third means is included for transmitting the acknowledgment signal via a local connection between the mobile unit and the base station.--;

line 13, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 14, replace "thereby to be understood" with --meant--;

line 15, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 17, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 20, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 21, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 22, delete ",";

line 26, after "electrical" insert --,--; delete "or"; and after "magnetic" insert --,--;

line 27, delete "or";

line 28, replace "part" with --unit--; and replace "It" with --The system--;

line 29, replace "provided" with --configured--;

line 30, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 33, delete "especially"; and

line 34, replace "thereover" with --over the local connection--.

**On page 3:**

line 2, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 3, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 5, replace "part" with --unit--;

delete lines 16-17 and insert the following:

--Additional advantages and novel features of the invention will be set forth, in part, in the description that follows, and in part, will become apparent to

those skilled in the art upon examination of the following or may be learned by practice of the invention. The advantages of the invention may be realized and attained by means of the instrumentalities and combinations particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

5 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

lines 18-19, before "invention" insert --presently preferred--; and delete "presently preferred by the inventors";

line 20, delete "schematic"; and replace ". Shown are" with --wherein--;

line 21, after "1" insert --illustrates--;

10 line 23, after "2" insert --illustrates--;

after line 23, as a separate line before line 24, insert the following

heading: --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;

line 25, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 26, replace "means" with --unit--;

15 line 28, after "antenna" insert --20--; and

line 31, replace "part" with --unit--; after "12" insert --,--; after "turn"

insert --,--; and replace "means" with --unit--.

**On page 4:**

line 6, replace "part" with --unit--;

20 line 8, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 9, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 10, delete ", further,";

line 11, replace "devices" with --units--;

line 12, delete "here"; and replace "means" with --unit--;

25 line 14, replace "means" with --unit--;

line 15, replace "described in yet" with --will be described later in--;

line 16, delete "later";

line 17, replace "means" with --unit--;

line 18, replace "part" with --unit--;

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## unit--;

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line 6, replace “means” with --unit--; replace “and” with --within--; and replace “part” with --unit--;

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line 31, after "10" insert --,--; delete "-" (first occurrence); after "64"

insert --,--; and delete "-" (second occurrence).

**On page 6:**

line 2, replace “, for example 2” with --(e.g., 2).--;

line 4, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 9, replace “part” with --unit--;

5 line 10, delete “,” (first occurrence); replace “parts” with --units--; and  
replace “, for example 4” with --(e.g., 4)--;

line 11, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 12, replace “a” (second occurrence) with --68) via--;

line 13, after “condition” insert --IDLE--;

10 line 14, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 15, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 17, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 21, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 23, replace “part” with --unit--;

15 line 26, delete “a” (second occurrence);

line 27, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 29, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 31, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 33, replace “part” with --unit--; and

20 line 34, delete “then”; and after “it” insert --then--.

**On page 7:**

line 2, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 3, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 10, replace “means” with --unit--;

25 line 11, delete “,”; before “i.” insert --(--; after “e.” insert --,--; and after  
“particulars” insert --)--;

line 12, replace “functionings” with --functions--;

line 14, replace “part” with --unit--;

line 15, replace “part” with --unit--; after “flows” delete “,” and insert --.--;

and replace "or an" with --Furthermore, instead of contacts,--;

line 16, replace "connection" with --connections--;

line 20, after "VAL" insert -- \_\_ --;

line 21, after ")" insert --sent at event 78 by the mobile unit 12--;

5 line 26, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 27, replace "on" with --over--;

line 28, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 30, replace "part" with --unit--;

10 line 32, replace "hitherto" with --previous to this point only--; and delete  
"only"; and

line 33, replace "part" with --unit--.

**On page 8:**

line 1, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 4, replace "part" with --unit--;

15 line 5, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 6, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 7, replace "part" with --unit--;

line 8, replace "means" with --unit--;

line 11, replace "part" with --unit--;

20 line 14, replace "part" with --unit--; and

after line 20, please insert the following:

25 --While this invention has been described in connection with what is  
presently considered to be the most practical and preferred embodiment, it is to  
be understood that the invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiment, but,  
on the contrary, is intended to cover various modifications and equivalent  
arrangements included within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.--.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Figures 1 and 2 have been amended as shown in the Request for Approval of Drawing Changes, filed concurrently herewith, in order to label blocks in Figure 1 to conform with U.S. Patent practice and to make minor word choice changes in Figure 2.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

On substitute page 9, line 1, replace "**PATENT CLAIMS**" with --**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

**Delete claims 1 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please amend claims 2-10 as follows.**

2. (Amended) The method [Method] according to claim [1] 12, [characterized in that] wherein the local connection [(40)] is selected from the group consisting of an electrical connection, [or] a magnetic connection, [or] an inductive connection and an [or] optical connection.

3. (Amended) The method [Method] according to claim [1] 12, [characterized in that] wherein the local connection [(40)] is an electrical connection [that is produced via] of respective charging contacts [(24, 38) between] of the mobile unit [part (12)] and the base station [(10)].

4. (Amended) The method [Method] according to [one of the claims 1 through 3] claim 12, [characterized in that] wherein a binary signal is transmitted via the local connection [(40)].

5. (Amended) The method [Method] according to [one of the claims 1 through 4] claim 12, [characterized in that, in] wherein the step of recognizing [a], the recognition (50, 52, 54) by] the logon situation is triggered when the mobile unit [part (12)] is placed onto the base station [(10)].

5        7.        (Amended)    The method [Method] according to [one of the claims 1  
through 6] claim 12, [characterized in that, in step b), wherein the identifier is  
generated by the mobile [part (12)] unit and is transmitted to the base station  
[(10)] in the step [c)] of transmitting the identifier via the radio connection.

9. (Amended) The method [Method] according to [one of the claims 1 through 8] claim 12, [characterized in that, in step e),] wherein the [confirmation] acknowledgment signal is transmitted within a predetermined time interval [as reaction] in response to a request [(REG\_\_VAL\_\_REQ)] signal transmitted via the radio connection [(42)].

**Please add new claims 12-14 as follows.**

12. A method for logging a mobile unit on at a base station comprising the steps of:

recognizing a logon situation wherein at least one of the mobile unit and the base station determines that the mobile unit is not yet logged on at the

base station;

generating an identifier;

transmitting the identifier via a radio connection between the mobile unit and the base station;

5 requesting identification with an acknowledgment signal via transmission over the radio connection between the mobile unit and the base station; and

transmitting the acknowledgment signal via a local connection between the mobile unit and the base station.

10 13. A communication system having at least one mobile unit and at least one base station, comprising:

a means for recognizing a logon situation;

a means for generating an identifier;

15 a radio connection between the at least one mobile unit and the at least one base station;

a local connection between the at least one mobile unit and the at least one base station;

a first means for transmitting the identifier via the radio connection; and

20 a second means for transmitting a request for identification with an acknowledgment signal via the radio connection; and

a third means for transmitting the acknowledgment signal via the local connection.

14. An apparatus having at least one mobile unit and a base station comprising:

25 a base station having a first control unit, a confirmation receiver, a first charging connector connected to the confirmation receiver and a first analog assembly configured for sending and receiving radio frequency signals;



at least one mobile unit having a second control unit, a confirmation transmitter, a second charging connector connected to the confirmation transmitter and a second analog assembly configured for sending and receiving radio frequency signals;

5 a radio connection between the base station and the at least one mobile unit via the first and second analog assemblies; and

a local connection formed by the connection of the first and second charging connectors;

10 wherein the first and second control units are configured to detect a logon of the at least one mobile unit to the base station; the second control unit generates an identifier and sends the identifier to the second analog assembly; the second analog assembly transmits a first data frame including the identifier to the first analog assembly via the radio connection; the first analog assembly is configured to receive the first data frame and send the first data frame to the  
15 first control unit and transmit an acknowledgment signal to the second analog assembly via the radio connection in response to the first control unit; and the confirmation transmitter transmits the acknowledgment signal to the confirmation receiver via the local connection in response to receiving the acknowledgment signal in the second analog assembly.

20 **IN THE ABSTRACT**

On page 11:

replace lines 1-12 with the following new abstract:

**--ABSTRACT**

Method and Apparatus for a Mobile Unit to Log on with a Base Station, and  
25 Communication System

A method for logging a mobile unit on at a base station including the steps of recognizing a logon situation, generating an identifier, transmitting the identifier via a radio connection between the mobile unit and the base station,

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**ABSTRACT**

Method and Apparatus for a Mobile Unit to Log on with a Base Station, and  
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5                   A method for logging a mobile unit on at a base station including the steps of  
recognizing a logon situation, generating an identifier, transmitting the identifier via a  
radio connection between the mobile unit and the base station, and transmitting a  
confirmation via the local connection between the mobile unit and the base station. A  
corresponding communication system is configured for the implementation of the  
10                   method. The invention creates a simple and, at the same time, dependable method for  
logging a mobile unit on at a base station.

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SPECIFICATIONPROCEDURE FOR A MOBILE UNIT TO LOG IN WITH A BASE STATION,  
AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

5 The invention is directed to a method for logging a mobile part on at a  
base station and is also directed to a communication system. The invention is  
particularly employable for telephone systems having at least one mobile part  
and at least one base station. The mobile part can thereby be a cordless  
telephone, particularly an analog telephone to CT0 standard. The invention,  
10 however, can also be employed in other communication systems wherein a  
dependable allocation between mobile parts and base stations is required, for  
example for remote controls of all types.

15 It can be necessary in a telephone system to log a cordless telephone  
on at a base station and to thus register it. This, for example, is the case in  
what are referred to as concentrator systems, wherein a plurality of mobile parts  
can be operated parallel (without the possibility of internal connections) at a  
base station. For setting up such a system, a plurality of mobile parts must be  
allocated to the base station, and it is desirable for later expansion to also be  
able to log new mobile parts on at the base station.

20 In telephone systems that are only composed of a single base station in  
a single mobile part, as well, the possibility of flexible log on is desirable. As a  
result thereof, the production of the telephone system is facilitated because no  
consideration must be given to a paired allocation of mobile part and base  
station. Further, a lost or malfunctioning mobile part can simply be replaced by  
a new one in this case.

25 US 5,500,888 discloses a cordless telephone that comprises a means  
for enhancing the security of the cordless telephone with respect to  
unauthorized use of the telephone and with respect to unauthorized  
tapping. To this end, this means is fashioned such that a security code is  
stored in the mobile part and the base station upon initial commissioning  
30 of the telephone and such that this stored security code is automatically  
modified every time when the mobile part is located on the base station for  
charging the battery. This modification of the code ensues in that a new code is  
generated from a random number in the mobile part or the base station, this

new code is transmitted via the radio interface of the telephone to the respectively other side, and the transmission of the code is acknowledge to the code sender by the code receiver via the radio interface.

5           US 4,736,404 discloses a cordless telephone that comprises a means for enhancing the security of the cordless telephone with respect to unauthorized use of the telephone. To this end, this means is fashioned such that a security code is compared before telephoning can be carried with the mobile part of the telephone via the base station. When the comparison shows  
10           that the code coincides, then telephoning can be carried out with the mobile part; otherwise, the mobile part is rejected as unauthorized. For preparation of the code comparison, a predetermined signal code stored in the base station is communicated from the base station via the charging contacts and the charging line when the mobile part is initially located on the base station for charging the  
15           battery, and the reception of the signal code is acknowledged to the base station from the mobile part.

          The log on of a mobile part at a base station is in fact fundamentally possible given known telephone systems according to the CT0 standard; however, complicated authentication routines must be run for this purpose. The  
20           reasons for this is that this standard is susceptible to foreign use and what is to be precluded is that, for example, a neighbor logs on at the base station of a user and then telephones at the expense of this user. The authentication routine therefore requires at least the input of a PRN code.

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The entire operation is complicated and susceptible to error. Particularly given simpler devices without a display, the input of a number of numerical codes from a printed operating instruction is required, this, for example, being a deterrent for inexperienced users.

5 It is therefore an object of the invention to solve said problems and offer a simple and, at the same time, dependable possibility for logging a mobile part on at a base station that requires outwardly little hardware and software outlay.

This object is inventively achieved by a method having the features of claim 1 as well as by a communication system having the features of claim 11.

10 The invention is based on the fundamental idea of transmitting the identifier required for the log on via the ordinary radio connection between the mobile part and the base station and additionally providing a confirmation that is transmitted via a local connection between the mobile part and the base station. What is thereby to be understood by a local connection is any connection that assures spatial proximity between the mobile part and the base station.

15 The inventive method is dependable due to the use of a local connection, since a mobile part can only be logged on when it is spatially located adequately close to the base station. A neighbor or some other unauthorized person who has no access to the rooms in which the base station is located cannot log a mobile part on. Since the identifier is communicated via the radio connection that already exists between the mobile part and the base station, no additional outlay or only slight additional outlay is required for this purpose. The additional, local connection likewise incurs only slight outlay because only extremely little information need be transmitted over this connection and the simplest embodiments therefore already suffice.

20 In preferred embodiments, the local connection is an electrical or magnetic or inductive or optical connection. In particular, the local connection can assure a direct or nearly direct contact between the base station and the mobile part. It can be provided, for example, to set the local connection up via the charging contacts that already exist between the mobile part and the base station. The circuit required in this purpose for generating or, respectively, recognizing a confirmation signal is not complicated.

25 The local connection can be especially simply set up when a binary signal is transmitted thereover. An information set of only one bit is preferably transmitted

via the local connection at every log on event. This suffices for the reliable allocation of base station and mobile part.

Every time the mobile part hangs up, a check is preferably undertaken at the base station to see whether a log on should be undertaken. A re-log on is not required, in particular, when the mobile part is already logged on thereat or at some other base station.

In particular, the identifier serves for the allocation of the mobile part to the base station. In preferred embodiments, the identifier is defined by the mobile part of the base station as a random number. The identifier and/or the confirmation is preferably generated by the mobile part and transmitted therefrom to the base station. In preferred embodiments, the base station receives the identifier and requests the confirmation from the mobile part. A log on is preferably successful when the confirmation signal is generated in a predetermined time window following this request. In further steps, further data, for example log on data, can then be communicated via the radio connection.

In preferred embodiments, the communication system comprises the features recited above.

An exemplary embodiment of the invention presently preferred by the inventors as well as a plurality of alternative embodiments are explained in greater detail with reference to the schematic drawings. Shown are:

FIG. 1 a block circuit diagram of components of a communication system that are relevant for the invention; and

FIG. 2 a flow chart of a log on method.

The communication system shown in Fig. 1 is an analog telephone system according to CT0 standard having a base station 10 and a mobile part 12 fashioned as cordless telephone. The base station 10 comprises a control means 14 and an analog assembly 16 that are connected to one another as well as to an exchange line 18. An antenna is connected to the analog assembly 16 for sending and receiving radio frequency signals. The control means 14 is connected via a confirmation reception means 22 to a charging contact 24 fashioned as two-pole contact.

The mobile part 12 in turn comprises a control means 26 that is connected to an analog assembly 28 as well as to a confirmation transmission means 30. A loudspeaker 32, a microphone 34 and an antenna 36 are connected to the analog

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The base station 10 only implements a predetermined number of complete channel sweeps, for example 2. When no data frame REG \_\_ REQ is received during these channel sweeps, the base station 10 assumes that a logon is not required and that the mobile part 12 is in the quiescent condition 56. The base station 10 then aborts the search and also in turn switches into a quiescent condition.

When, in contrast, the base station 10 has received the data frame REG \_\_ REQ during the search in step 64, then it checks in a query 66 to see whether a further mobile part 12 can be logged on. Each base station 10 can only service a predetermined, maximum number of mobile parts 12, for example 4. When the base station 10 is already fully burdened or denies the logon of the mobile part 12 for some other reasons, it sends a data frame REG \_\_ REJ (transmission event a the radio connection 42 and then switches into a quiescent condition 70. A negative acknowledgment done is triggered at the mobile part 12 as reaction to the data frame REG \_\_ REJ. In response thereto, the mobile part 12 also ends the logon procedure.

When, in contrast, the logon of the mobile part 12 is possible from the point of view of the base station 10, then the base station 10 sends a data frame REG \_\_ VAL \_\_ REQ (transmission event 72) via the radio connection 42. The data frame REG \_\_ VAL \_\_ REQ contains the provisional identifier transmitted by the transmission event 62. This data frame represents the request for the mobile part 12 to identify itself with a suitable hardware signal.

As already mentioned, the mobile part 12 continuously sends the data frame REG \_\_ REQ (transmission event 62) and waits for a reply from the base station 10 in the meantime. When no reply has been received up to the expiration of the predetermined waiting time, a time error (timeout) is triggered in a query 74, and the mobile part 12 switches into a quiescent condition 76. The failure of a reply to arrive can have been caused by a malfunction of the radio connection 42.

A further possible reason is that the mobile part 12 has not been placed onto a fully functional base station 10 but only onto a charging dish. In this case, the mobile part 12 nonetheless begins the logon procedure since the event 52 (HS \_ DOWN) is recognized on the basis of the battery charging current.

When the mobile part 12 has received the data frame REG \_\_ VAL \_\_ REQ within the predetermined time window, then it sends a corresponding confirmation

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The mobile part 12 confirms the correct reception of the logon data with a data frame REG\_\_ACK that is transmitted to the base station via the radio connection 42 (transmission event 86). When, in contrast, the logon data do not arrive at the mobile part 12 within a predetermined time span, the logon is aborted. The mobile part 12 then outputs a negative acknowledgment tone.

The logon of the mobile part 12 in the base station 10 is completed in step 88. With the identifier that has now been confirmed, the mobile part 12 is entered in a logon list maintained by the control means 14. The successful termination of this event is acknowledged by the base station 10 with a data frame REG\_\_COMP (transmission event 90). The data frame REG\_\_COMP contains the identifier and is transmitted via the radio connection 42. The mobile part 12 signals the reception of this data frame with a positive acknowledgment tone in order to confirm the successful logon for the user. When, in contrast, the data frame REG\_\_COMP does not arrive or arrives too late, the mobile part 12 generates a negative acknowledgment tone and erases the logon data stored in step 84.

Other configurations and time sequences of the communication protocol are possible in alternative embodiments of this method. In particular, more or fewer messages can be exchanged or the roles of the transmitters and receivers of these messages can be entirely or partially interchanged. Further, an adaptation of the method to communication systems other than mobile telephones is possible.

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7. Method according to one of the claims 1 through 6, characterized in that, in step b), the identifier is generated by the mobile part (12) and is transmitted to the base station (10) in step c).

8. Method according to one of the claims 1 through 7, characterized in that, in step e), the confirmation signal is generated by the mobile part (12) and is transmitted to the base station (10).

9. Method according to one of the claims 1 through 8, characterized in that, in step e), the confirmation signal is transmitted within a predetermined time interval as reaction to a request (REG\_\_VAL\_\_REQ) transmitted via the radio connection (42).

10. Method according to one of the claims 1 through 9, characterized by the further step:

e) transmitting (82) logon data via the radio connection (42).

11. Communication system, particularly telephone system, having at least one mobile part (12) and at least one base station (10), comprising the following features:

- a) means (14, 24, 26, 38) for recognizing (50, 52, 54) a logon situation;
- b) means (14, 26) for generating (58) an identifier
- c) first means (14, 16, 20, 26, 28, 36) for transmitting (62) the identifier via a radio connection (42) between the mobile part (12) and the base station (10); and
- d) the first means (14, 16, 20, 26, 28, 36) for transmitting (72) a request for identification with an acknowledge signal via the radio connection (42) between the mobile part (12) and the base station (10);
- e) second means (14, 22, 26, 30) for transmitting (78) the acknowledge signal via a local connection (40) between the mobile part (12) and the base station (10).

## Procedure for a Mobile Unit to Log in with a Base Station, and Communication System

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FIG. 2

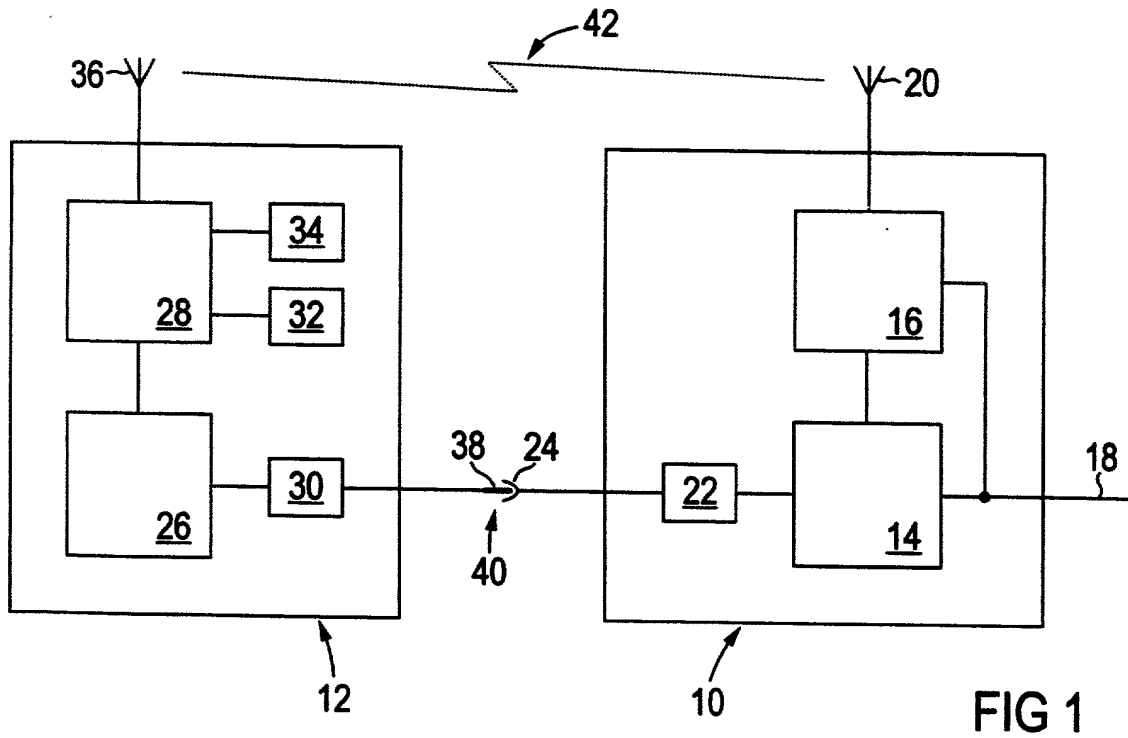
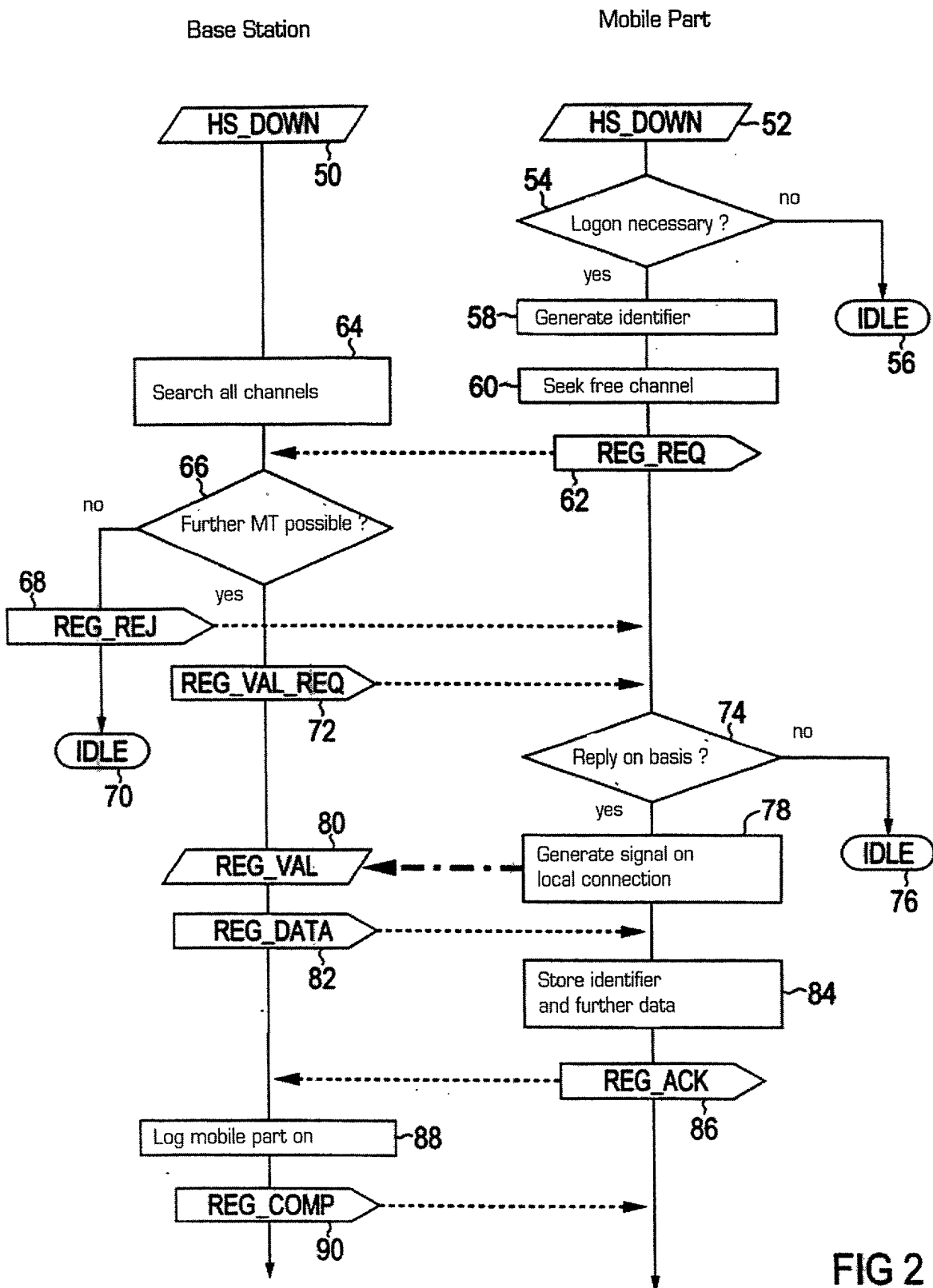


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